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Dear Parent/Carer

Change of Date - Year 12 Examination Dates: 27th June to the 8th July

As we approach the exam season, I can confirm that all students will sit end of year exams between the 27th June and the 8th July.

There will be one formal examination for each subject, held in an exam venue under formal examination rules. The external examination routine is important for all students to prepare them well for the summer of Year 13, as such students should be present for all exams unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is unable to attend an exam, Mrs Jones should be contacted.

The summer exams are an important milestone. They mark the halfway point in KS5, but are also used to support the generation of predicted grades for UCAS and Apprenticeship applications. The Marches Academy Trust UCAS and Predicted Grades Policy states:

“A student will usually only be predicted one grade higher than the summer exam result, and in exceptional circumstances where there is consistent additional evidence of higher achievement across the year they may be predicted two grades higher.”

Following the summer exams, all students will be made aware of their UCAS predicted grades, providing the students a clear understanding of their current level of attainment and the areas of focus for the months ahead.

If in exceptional circumstances, summer exam outcomes do not meet the standard required for a chosen course, there will be an opportunity to re-sit in September, with a possible adjustment to UCAS predicted grades.

Summer exam timetables will come from the tutor in the next few weeks.

Please be aware that should a student not achieve a pass in a subject (Grade A* - E) in the summer exams we will invite you for a meeting to discuss next steps. In line with our admissions policy, a discussion around other course options will be part of this meeting.

On the publication of mid-course exam results, we will review each pupil's progress. We will focus on the probability of them being successful if they make the transition to A2. If their results are not a platform for achieving three A-E grades at A2, they may not be able to continue studying in the Sixth Form.*

As always, the Sixth Form Team are available to support all students through this exam period. Should you, or they, have any questions or concerns regarding the summer exams or revision skills, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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